

MISSIONARY BOXES.

During the past year the plan of having a little Missionary box in the family, has been successfully tried. From time to time a penny is dropped through the hole in the lid, which otherwise would have found its way to the confectioners, or been spent thoughtlessly, and it is astonishing how much a number of pennies, saved in this way, will amount to, at the end of a year. Sometimes, too, a kind friend may see the box, and pull out his purse. Quarters, and even dollars, thus help the pennies to make up a goodly sum.

We hope some of our young friends will establish Missionary boxes, and try the plan. Write "*For the Canadian School at Calcutta,*" on a piece of paper, and paste it on the lid, or if another object be preferred, we would recommend the Mission Church at Sealcote, in Northern India. This is being built, where two of our own missionaries were murdered during the mutiny, and the ladies and children in Scotland are collecting in shillings and small subscriptions, enough to pay for the edifice.

We hope to hear more of these "boxes."

A LESSON FROM AN ELEPHANT.

"Tell my grandchildren," says the late Bishop of Calcutta, in one of his letters, "that an elephant here had a disease in his eyes. For three days he had been completely blind. His owner, an engineer officer, asked my dear Dr. Webb if he could do anything to relieve the poor animal. The doctor said he would try nitrate of silver, which was a remedy commonly applied to similar diseases in the human eye. The huge animal was ordered to lie down; and at first, on the application of the remedy, raised a most extraordinary roar at the acute pain which it occasioned. The effect, however, was wonderful. The eye was, in a manner, restored, and the animal could partially see. The next day when he was brought, and heard the doctor's voice, he lay down of himself, placed his enormous head on one side, curled up his trunk, drew his breath just like a man about to endure an operation, gave a sigh of relief when it was over, and then, by trunk and gestures, evidently wished to express his gratitude. What sagacity! What a lesson to us of patience!"